SUBJECT No. 339.

Minimum area of kharab land for dry cultivation.

Messrs. Bettagere Subrahmanya Bhatta, and Halgar Venkatasubbiah, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the Koppa Taluk it is hard to find in one block an area of 5 acres of kharab land, the minimum fixed for dry cultivation. Considering the special features of the locality and the poverty of the raiyats, it may be ordered that 2 acres of kharab land may be fixed as the minimum for dry cultivation in this taluk.

Reply of Government.—As the minimum was only recently revised it cannot be reduced further. But if in any place it is not possible to find land of the minimum area it is open to the Deputy Commissioner to make a special recommendation in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 340.

Munsiff's Court jurisdiction over the Koppa Taluk.

Messrs. Bettagere Subrahmanya Bhatta, and Halgar Venkatsubbaiya, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Referring to Subjects Nos. 293 and 297 of 1907, it is requested that the civil jurisdiction of this taluk may either be added on to the Shimoga Munsiff's Court or a Munsiff's Court may be established in any one of the following places, where accommodation is available, *viz.*, Yedahalli, Tirthahalli or Hariharpur.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT No. 341.

Yedahalli to be made a taluk.

Mr. I. Santappa Setty, Yedahalli Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is being repeatedly asked that Yedahalli may be made a pakka taluk. If the grant of that prayer is not possible at least a Sub-Treasury may be established there for the present.

Reply of Government.—Final orders have been passed in the matter declining the request.

SUBJECT No. 342.

Excessive growth of lantana in malnad.

Mr. Davood Sab, Mudgere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the malnad parts the lantana grows wild and many good lands become covered with it in a short time and the bushes afford cover to wild beasts. Rules may be passed directing the removal of the weed from occupied lands by the occupants thereof and from unoccupied lands by the patels of the villages concerned.

Reply of Government.—A committee composed of the Excise Commissioner, the Conservator of Forests, the Revenue Commissioner and one or two selected Deputy Commissioners will be formed and the question referred to them for report.

SUBJECT No. 343.

Water-supply to Mudgere.

Mr. Davood Sab, Mudgere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The question of water-supply to Mudgere may be considered and finally disposed of this year, as the matter is very urgent.

Reply of Government.—The submission of a project is awaited from the President. Half the cost of the project will be met by Government and the remaining half will be advanced as a loan to the Municipal Board.

SUBJECT No. 344.

Waiting places for witnesses near judicial courts.

Mr. Davood Sab, Mudgere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—People who have to attend the courts in the malnad especially during the monsoons have no convenient places for waiting near the court

buildings. Arrangements may be made to put up separate convenient buildings for the purpose.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 345.

Gambling.

Mr. Pilkington, the North Mysore Planters' Association.

Summary of discussion.—Gambling is largely prevalent in the district especially amongst the coolies of South Canara. It is requested that some steps may be taken to mitigate the evil.

Reply of Government.—The Police Regulation will provide for this.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

(Nos. 346 to 370.)

SUBJECT No. 346.

Sanitary improvements to Shimoga.

Messrs. S. Sitharamaiya, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality, T. Venkatappa, Shimoga Taluk, and Shamanna Udupa, Shimoga District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The water-supply, drainage, and town extension schemes connected with the Shimoga town should be taken up early.

Reply of Government.—Government are aware of the necessity for the sanitation and extension of the Shimoga town being urgently attended to. Early action will be taken in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 347.

Industrial School.

Messrs. S. Sitharamaiya, and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is necessary to have an industrial school at the district head-quarters in addition to the one sanctioned at Sagar. Shimoga is an important place in the district owing to the manganese industry.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered when funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 348.

A lying-in-hospital and a branch dispensary.

Messrs. S. Sitharamaiya, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality and C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The want of a lying-in-hospital is much felt at Shimoga. One may be sanctioned as early as possible. It has now been decided to construct a female dispensary and lying-in-wards near the civil hospital which lies at one end of the Shimoga town. A branch dispensary may therefore be opened near the bandy-stand or the old travellers' bungalow for the convenience of the inhabitants of the northern and western parts of the town and also of the suburban villages.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 349.

The Bhadra Project.

Messrs. 1. T. Venkatappa, Shimoga Taluk, K. Shankar Narain Rao, Nagar Sabha, A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk and 2. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Bhadra project has not been undertaken although sanctioned two years ago. As this is a very useful work, it is prayed that it may be taken up soon.

(2) It is prayed that this project may be framed so as to benefit the semi-malnad tracts which get neither the north-east nor the south-west monsoon and the peasantry in which are consequently in a poorer condition than their brethren in the malnad and the maidan tracts.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered when funds are available.